

May 25, 2021

Dear Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Students:

Your first summer reading assignment is *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. You should be aware that there are two versions of this novel, the original published in 1818 and the revised version published in 1831. Please be sure to purchase and read the **1831** version of the text. If you would like to use the same Bantam Classic paperback edition from which I will teach, you can find it on Amazon or at any other major bookseller. The ISBN numbers provided are ISBN-13: 978-0553212471 and ISBN-10: 0553212478. Copies are very reasonably priced on this [Amazon LINK](#).

You will have no written work to complete over the summer this year, but you should be very familiar with the text when we return to school. While you are not required to take notes over the material, you will benefit if you do. I also recommend reading small increments every day. My version contains 213 pages divided into 5 short letters and 21 chapters, beginning with chapter 3 and ending with chapter 24. If you set aside a day for the letters and then a day for each chapter, you could finish in 25 days with a 10-15 minute time investment each day. Some of you will be tempted to put your reading off and then have to read for days to compensate. I have tried both approaches, and I can assure you that reading a few pages each day is so much easier.

Your second reading assignment is the fun, reader-friendly *How To Read Literature Like a Professor* (Revised Edition) by Thomas C. Foster. This book is highly recommended by instructors who teach AP preparation courses to teachers. New copies on Amazon are not inexpensive, but I will share a link at which you can find much cheaper copies.

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Again, you have no written work to complete with this text over the summer.

I look forward to a great year in AP Lit. Have a safe, restful summer so that you will be prepared to work hard when we return. I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller